

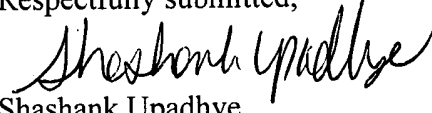
Remarks

Initially filed were claims 1 to 20 of which claims 1, 9, and 15 were independent. These claims were canceled in a preliminary amendment in favor of new claims 21 to 39, of which claim 21 is independent. New claims were submitted. Pending were claims 21 to 78 of which claims 21, 40, 53, and 66 are independent. Because the Examiner withdrew claims 53-78 from consideration in the Final Office Action, the applicants are formally canceling claims 53-78 without prejudice. The applicants reserve the right to reintroduce these claims in any later application. Claims 24 and 43 are amended to delete the offending “ultraviolet light” limitation. The specification paragraph is amended simply to correct a typographical error changing -10 atmospheres to -1 atmospheres. For the reasons set forth in the prior responses and in the concurrently filed Appeal Brief, the applicants believe that the claims represent allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

The applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and believe that the claims as presented represent allowable subject matter. But if the Examiner desires, the applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 312-876-2622.

Respectfully submitted,


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